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Member Spotlight
Dennis Panars, AIA



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

DENNIS PANARS, AIA

I am a member of AIA because... Education matters. To be an Architect requires one to continue to learn about anything and everything, every day. There's no better way to learn than through the AIA. Through the discussions and lectures at meetings, the conversations with other members, and the newsletters regarding local, national and international news, the AIA encourages me to learn and experience things I had never thought to investigate.

I grew up in a small farm town in Michigan, only knowing that I wanted to build a career that would allow me an opportunity to leave a mark on the architectural profession. I moved to Las Vegas nine and half years ago after graduating from the University of Michigan and spending a summer working abroad. Following the recession and a few shifts in scenery, I have spent the last four and half years at SH Architecture working on an array of projects. Most recently focusing my energies on growing our Medical and Healthcare Division for the firm. In any free time we can find, my wife, a fellow Wolverine and Architect, and I spend as much time as we can traveling. If the AIA is the easiest way to continue to learn, traveling is a close second in my book.

What is the most important thing you've learned?

Push yourself out of your comfort zone. There is so much to learn and do in Architecture that I think if you become complacent in your day to day task you may find yourself left behind. Take on a new task you haven't done before, try to create that detail before your boss does it for you, anticipate the phone call from the client, go research a project type before asking to be added to a new team at the office. Push, every day.

What is your favorite piece of architecture? Why?

Anything by BIG. From the diagrams, to the models, to the use of materials and spaces, to how on Earth Bjarke Ingles convinces client after client to spend money on projects way outside of the box is inspiring.

What person, living or dead, would you most like to talk with?

See above...seriously...he's 42, and owns his second wildly successful firm (PLOT being the first).

How can architects provide "value add" to their clients?

We need to learn a better way to convey that the overall ROI of a project is more than a balance sheet. The definition of Architecture is "the art or practice of designing and constructing buildings," and I feel that too often the "design" of a building is examined as only the function of the building by those that control the check book. The impact of a well-designed, well executed building can, and should, reach beyond the property line. We need to better convince our clients that well designed buildings, ones that are designed beyond function and minimum codes, can more quickly gain tenants, can better and more easily maintain full occupancy, and can bring better businesses to the surrounding areas, possibly leading to increased rental rates and driving up demand. We need a better way to help clients understand this, as there is far too rarely "Value" in "Value Engineering."

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MEMBERSHIP

Why do I need to be a member? What does the AIA do for me?

During this time of year of our annual renewal of membership, this is a conversation that I, along with my fellow board members and Randy, Caron and Kelly have many times while talking to fellow architects and even students and allies.

Times seem to have changed, when I was going through architectural school (back in the old days) and then working in my first professional architectural office, all I could think about was getting my license and then joining the AIA. For me, the big goal of putting those magic letters 'AIA' after my name was the cherry on top of all the hard work. After those grueling years of all-nighters at school and long hours as the low man on the totem pole in the office, those 3 letters would tell the world that I was an architect. 'Prestigious' is how I always looked at those 3 letters. 'Legitimate'... 'Professional'... 'Accomplished'.

Sadly, for most of our newly registered architects, and even some of our more seasoned licensed practitioners, joining the AIA doesn't have the same appeal.

Perhaps things were different back when I was getting my license, because we couldn't take our exams until after working in an office for 4 years. In addition, the exams were only given once a year, and you had to take them all at the same time; the first day had three, 2 hour exams and one, 3-hour exam (structures...ugh). This was then followed the next day with the 12-hour design exam (designing and hand drawing your solution....no computers then). You then had to wait months to find out if you passed, and if you didn't, which exams you would need to wait until next year to take again. Once you passed these 2 days of exams, you were then qualified to take another round of 2 days of 'professional exams'. Again, these professional exams were only given once a year and then you had to wait for months to find out if you passed. Taking nothing away from the exams today, but back then there wasn't the flexibility and leeway to take the exams individually, on your own timelines, and with immediate results. Having the AIA after your name was a true badge of honor.

Apparently, those 3 letters after your name isn't the enticement for today's architects as it was for me and my contemporaries any more. Times change, fair enough.

So what does the AIA do for you? Lots of things, in fact.

In this Nevada Legislative year, our State AIA Chapters (Las Vegas & Northern Nevada) Committee on Legislative Affairs has been working with our attorneys as well as the attorneys for ACEC (American Consulting Engineers Council) to put together a revised Lien Law Bill that will provide architects and designers with more protections than we currently have. **In particular, this bill will allow architects and designers the ability to place a lien on a project even if the project has not started construction;** something we

are not currently allowed to do. This is an extreme disadvantage because if a project never starts, the designers have no ability to lien the property as leverage for getting paid.

This law will change the date of when a lien can be filed from "when the work becomes visible" to "the date on which the design professional begins work".

This is a huge bill for all of us, and I am pleased to tell you that Senator Roberson has agreed to be the sponsor and it has been introduced as SB 423. This is one very important thing that the AIA is doing for you! Now you can do something to help support this bill to make it a law:

There is a website that allows the public to express an opinion on bills under consideration **"Vote" in favor of the bill by clicking here. Look up SB423 under "Select Bill" or type SB423 into "type bill name here".** A brief description of the bill - **AN ACT relating to statutory liens; revising certain provisions relating to statutory liens for design professionals; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.** should pop up. Click "For" and fill out your constituent information. Click "submit" and you're done!

Legislators do monitor this site so comments are always a great addition!

While you are on the website, other bills to consider and vote on while you're on the site:

OPPOSE: SJR7 (urges Congress to transfer majority of public lands to state control)

OPPOSE: AJR12 (urges Congress to abolish Gold Butte National Monument)

This is just one thing that AIA does for you. I encourage you to visit the AIA Website; www.AIA.org and check out the many programs and information that is available to you. I wanted to list them in my message, but to be honest, there are far too many to mention them all. I will just briefly mention one of them here. Advocacy: (continued next page)

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The **Advocacy Programs** that AIA National has for all our betterment, includes working to defeat numerous tax hikes that would hurt small architectural business; supporting green building design and increase disaster grants by 4 percent; opposing any proposals that would weaken the rigorous standards for architectural licensure and design of the built environment, including the encroachment into the scope of architectural practice by non-architect licensed professionals or unlicensed individuals; and AIA fights against draconian policies that hold architects liable for the negligent acts of others.

AIA is a Professional Organization, but we like to have fun too. As a kick off to our annual April "Art, Architecture and Design" Month, check out our own Construction at the Meadows Mall. The unveiling and judging of these creative sculptures made entirely out of food cans will be at 5:30 on April 3rd. All the food will be donated to Three Square at the conclusion of the exhibit. Come show your support and bring your friends and family.....and maybe a fellow professional that is not an AIA member.

So, the next time you are asked why you are a member of AIA, you have an answer.

We are stronger together and it is important to grow our membership so we can keep doing more for you. Please talk to someone that isn't a member and explain what the AIA does for them and encourage them to become members.

To paraphrase our great President John Kennedy;
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AIA Nevada is working on your behalf to revise and update Nevada's Lien Laws for Architects and Design Professionals.

Our Bill - SB423- has just been introduced and we need every member to show their support for this bill.

SB423 - AN ACT relating to statutory liens, revising certain provisions relating to statutory liens for design professionals and providing other matters properly related thereto.

This bill will allow architects, engineers, land surveyors, geologists and landscape architects, as well as other design professionals, to attach a mechanic's lien against a project, in order to receive payment for work they have provided prior to the commencement of construction.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS LET THE NEVADA LEGISLATORS KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

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Click **"For"** and fill out your constituent information.

Click **"submit"** and you're done!

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This bill will help to level the playing field for architects and design professionals and will help to make sure they get paid promptly for services rendered.

Members of AIA Nevada may be called upon to testify in support of our bill before the Judiciary Committee.

If so, we will need to reference actual case studies where the existing legislation has proven detrimental to architects and design professionals and how changes in this statute would remedy the situation.

Please contact Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA at rlavigne@aianevada.org if you can provide a case study or experience in support,

ALSO - while you are on the 79th Legislature Website you can vote on these other bills:

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Index so far:

"60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION" JANUARY MEETING

"1956-1971 -THE WAY WE WERE" FEBRUARY MEETING

"MID CENTURY MODERN ARCHITECTURE" MARCH MEETING

"1971-1986 - A CITY GROWING UP" JUNE MEETING

"1986 - 2001 - THE FASTEST GROWING CITY IN THE COUNTRY"
NOVEMBER MEETING



MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING GEARS, DEVICES, APPARATI & GIZMOS

What's new?

Right now we're busy looking for all the new technology and services that are available and we hope to provide this information for you at the May 17 Member Meeting.

The Meeting will start at 5:30pm with cocktails and hors d' oeuvres

Program begins at 6:30pm

Location TBA

Stay tuned for an update.



A'19: CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE Hosted by AIA Las Vegas

Did you know that AIA Las Vegas is hosting the A19' Conference on Architecture?

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It will be here before we know it.

The A'19 Committee is working right now to plan and execute the best national conference since 2005 That's the last time we hosted it.

This time it will be bigger and better. Join the committee today.... As an event Chair or as a volunteer.

We need ALL members to join this effort.

Steering Committee Chairs are Eric Roberts, AIA and Jon Sparer, AIA contact Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA if you are interested in being a part of this great event in celebration of our city.

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CALM
AND
SPEAK
UP**

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY?

The AIA FORUM is your newsletter.

It is provided as a member benefit and to help you stay informed on Chapter happenings, meetings, ideas and activities. We invite your participation in the form of articles and editorials.

If you have information you'd like to share or if you'd like to comment on an article, or provide new information or a point of view, please let us know via email to Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA

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When you speak to a group....or an individual...or when you write a response to a communication... do you know what you are saying? Do you consider your tone, attitude, message and how you want the listener to respond? Communicating professionally, passionately and understandably is a requirement in today's business environment. Style and presence affects how an audience perceives a message and while there is great respect for architects, there's a lack of understanding about what we do and how our work affects others.

Caitlin Reagan, manager of public affairs at the American Institute of Architects' national office in Washington, DC. will present the research, methods and conclusions that led to publishing the AIA Message Book, an important tool in bridging the gap between the public and architects. She will talk about crafting a well-designed message, advancing the profession, and identify key words to convey points that your listener will remember and be able to repeat. The AIA Message Book provides statistics and anecdotes that can easily be customized to formulate individual talking points and examples with your clients. Caitlin's primary focus is the public awareness campaign efforts to help raise the profile of architects in their communities.

Join us on Wednesday, June 21st when we explore "What Are You Saying?".

Reception begins at 5:30PM, Program starts at 6:30PM.

Historic 5th Street School Auditorium
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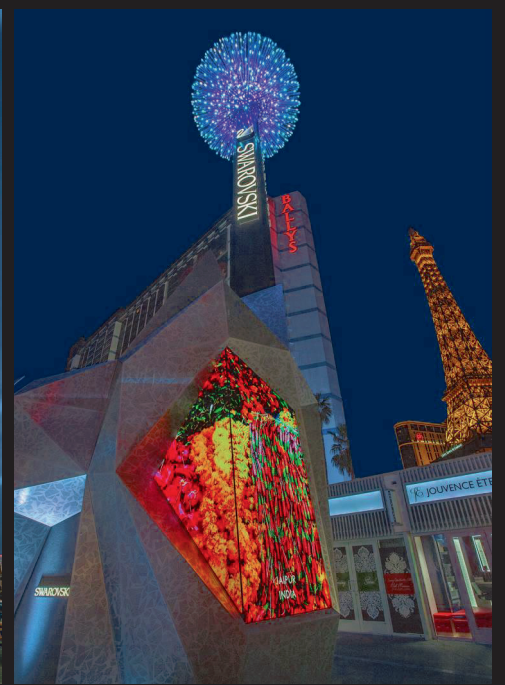
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The AIA LV High School Design Awards will be held on Wednesday, April 19th at the UNLV School of Architecture. Talented students from Clark County High Schools have been working on this year's design challenge, which is to design a "Local History Museum" on the site vacated by two of Las Vegas's iconic resorts – The Landmark Hotel, and the Riviera Hotel and Casino. The students have been asked to use their imagination in creating a Cultural Entertainment Pedestrian Corridor on the north end of the Strip – pulling in tourists and visitors from Las Vegas Boulevard, with its terminus at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

See the results of their work at the Awards program being held at 5:00PM on April 15 in the Architecture Studies Library, UNLV School of Architecture. The program will begin with a reception at 5:30PM for the students, their parents, instructors and AIA members. The students submittals will be on display. Plan to attend and meet the next generation of architects!



To see the complete design challenge with instructions [CLICK HERE](#).

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AIA LV will start the month with our CANstruction event from April 3-10. The artistic structures created by our AIA LV teams will be on display at the Meadows Mall. Stroll by and enjoy the creative structures and even vote for your favorite. Canstruction is a unique charity art exhibition and event featuring structures made by teams of architects, associates, engineers and others. The structures are made entirely from full cans of food, which will be donated to the Three Square Food Bank at the end of the exhibit on April 10th.

You're invited to attend the opening reception being held at 5:30PM in the Meadows Mall, by the west entrance near JC Penny. Come enjoy the structures, learn the results of the jury and enjoy refreshments at the reception.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP!](#)

FOR STUDENTS AND FIRMS ALIKE!

The 6th Annual Architectural Internship/Job Fair

Friday April 7, 2017 1:30-5pm

ASL at the School of Architecture

Contact glenn.nowak@unlv.edu to register your firm (100+ students to attend)



Through collaborations between the UNLV School of Architecture, AIA Las Vegas, and AIAS, this event connects prospective interns and full-time employees with firms seeking emerging professionals and top design talent. Participation in the internship/job fair may be limited to the first 18 firms to register for the event;

Please consider the value of participating in this event. The graduates of the M. Arch program have seen over 90% employment rates upon graduation over the last five years, and we suspect this year's group will continue to make great additions to the profession. This year's undergraduates are exceptional and extremely motivated. Over the last five years we've seen over 400 students across all year levels participate in the internship fair.

Please arrive 20-30 minutes early for set-up and parking (free and no permit required after 1:00pm), while the school's Architect Licensing Advisor briefly goes over updates to NCARB's Architecture Experience Program (AXP). Rectangular banquet tables (6') will be provided to each firm for any promotional materials you would like to bring. From 1:30-5:00pm students will be invited to visit each firm's table, ask questions, and share their resumes/portfolios.

We hope you will join us!

Contact Glenn Nowak, AIA at glenn.nowak@unlv.edu or phone 702-895-1076 for more information

Deadline March 31, 2017.

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In January, 2017, Michael Schafer, Brian Glennon, AIA, Esther Garcia, AIA, Kelly Scherbenski, and Carson Nolan are congratulated and welcomed by Kimberly Ciesynski, RID (far left) and Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA (far right).



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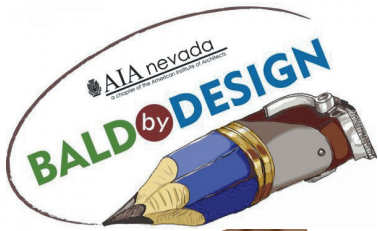
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AND WE ALL HAD A HAIR-RAZING GOOD TIME

AIA Nevada once again participated with St. Baldrick's to raise money to fight childhood cancer. This year, the event took place on March 4th at McMullan's Irish Pub. (4650 W Tropicana Ave #110, Las Vegas, NV 89103)

This year, the Bald By Design Team raised over \$97,000 Dollars!

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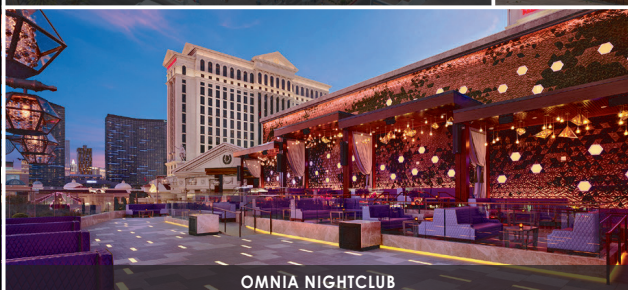
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However, there is a charge of \$20.00 for non-members. All (including members) who wish to attend an AIA Continuing Education Luncheon MUST RSVP prior to the luncheon.

If you are interested in providing or hosting an AIA Las Vegas Continuing Education Lunch



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Thursday, May 25 - AIA NV/NSBAIDRD Seminar - LV

Thursday, June 8 - OPEN

Thursday, June 22 - AIA LV COTE Committee
COTE's Sustainable Design Series via AIAU

Thursday, August 10 - OPEN

Wednesday, September 20 - AIA LV Product Show CE

Thursday, September 28 - AIA LV COTE Committee
COTE's Sustainable Design Series via AIAU

October 11 - 14 - WMR Conference

Thursday, November 9 - OPEN

Wednesday, December 6 - AIA LV COTE Committee
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Thursday, December 7 - AIA NV/NSBAIDRD - Reno

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Thursday, May 25, 2017

8:00AM to 5:00PM

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SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

7:00 am - 8:00 am - Registration & Coffee

8:00AM - 10:00AM - Next Gen Worker and Workplace

Presented by Kay Sargent, ASID, IIDA, CID, LEED AP, MCR.w
Senior Principal & Director of HOK's Workplace

10:15AM - 12:15PM - The Virtuous Supervisor: Awareness = Profit

Presented by Harry M. Falconer, Jr., AIA, NCARB
Director, Examinations of Experience + Education, NCARB

12:15AM - 1:15PM - Lunch (Provided)

1:15PM - 3:15PM - Building and Fire Code Updates

Presented by Sam Palmer
Acting Director, Clark County Department of Building & Fire Prevention

3:15PM - 5:15PM - Avoiding Conflicts: Architects & Code Officials

Presented by Ron Lynn
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June 22nd - 7:30 am - 9:00 am, 1.00 LU, \$10/person **Net Zero Energy Buildings (NZEB) in 7 Climate Zones:** **An Analysis of How to Design NZEB's in Varied Climates**

Presented by John Andary Bioclimatic Design Leader at Integral Group, David Kaneda, Managing Principal at Integral Group and John Weale, an Engineer Fellow and Associate Principal at Integral Group. Case studies of Net Zero Energy buildings in 7 distinctly different climates compare techniques to effectively drive energy use down to reach net-zero energy.

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December 6th - 7:30 am - 9:00 am, 1.00 LU, \$10/person **Designing to an Energy Budget: Focus on Small Firms and Projects**

Presented by Chris J. Green, FAIA, Founding Principal Ago Studios, Inc., Heather Gayle Holdridge, LEED AP BD+C, EIT, Assoc. AIA, Kim E. Shinn, P.E., Principal, TLC Engineering for Architecture. Case studies of the Performance Design Process and using Design Performance Modeling to integrate energy modeling into the design process.

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EPYAF NEWS

TRAVIS ALLEN, ASSOC. AIA
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The EPIYAF had another successful Hard Hat Tour last month, this time on the UNLV campus touring the currently under-construction Hotel College Academic Building. A big thank you to both UNLV Planning & Construction and Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto Architects for providing such an intimate look at this great new addition to the university.



Stay tuned and be sure to register for upcoming tours and the next Memoir Monday Wednesday event:
Wednesday, April 12th at 6:00pm:
Craig Palacios, AIA & Tina Wichmann, AIA of BUNNYFiSH Studio will be our hosts.

Space is Limited so... Please [Click Here To RSVP](#) Today



The rejuvenation of CANstruction is shaping up nicely too. The EPIYAF is honored to be taking the lead in reviving this awesome charity event for the community. We have 6 teams participating this year, a great turnout that will create a dynamic exhibition for the public from April 3 – April 9. We've updated the host venue to the Meadows Mall, so be sure to stop by the mall and vote for the People's Choice Award! We will be hosting an Opening/Award's Reception on Monday, April 3rd – in which a panel of locally esteemed judges will present awards ranging from Structural Ingenuity to Best Meal.

2017 CANstruction Judges

- Flo Rogers: KNPR, President & CEO
- John Courtney: Simon Hospitality Group (Carson Kitchen/Standard & Pour), Culinary Director
- Joyen Vakil, AIA: MGM Resorts International – Design, SR. VP of Design and Development
- Ron Frye: Boyd Gaming Corporation, VP of Design & Construction

If you are interested in helping out with the planning and promoting of these events, have some ideas of your own, or would like to be part of the Emerging Professionals committee in any way – please email me:

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Thanks!



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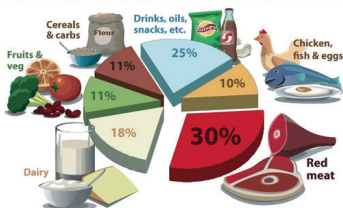
EARTH MONTH IS EVERY MONTH...

but let's make this month the greenest yet. Did you know that the average American meal travels an estimated 1500 miles to get from farm to plate? What does this translate into?

Fossil Fuels Depletion

Food transportation consumes large quantities of fossil fuels. It is estimated that we currently put almost 10 kcal of fossil fuel energy into our food system for every 1 kcal of energy we get as food.

Sources of greenhouse gas emissions from U.S. food choices



Adapted from: Weber and Matthews (2008) Food Miles and the Relative Climate Impacts of Food Choices in the United States. Environmental Science & Technology, 42 (10), 3959-3963.

CO2 Emissions

Food transportation also generates great quantities of carbon dioxide emissions. Our increasing demand for fresh food is forcing the market to increasingly use more Airfreight than sea shipping, which generates 50 times more CO2. In 2005, the import of fruits, nuts, and vegetables into California alone by airplane released more than 70,000

tons of CO2, which is equivalent to more than 12,000 cars on the road.

GMO and Chemicals

In order for produce to survive the long travel times and distance much of it is picked while still unripe and then gassed to "ripen" after transport, or by using preservatives or irradiation to slow decay; not to mention genetically modifying produce to make it longer-lasting.

There are many reasons to shop from local farmer's markets and support our local food system. When we do so we help build food security for future generations, and feed ourselves and our families food that is delicious, fresh, and more nutritious.

Last month the COTE Committee had the opportunity to tour the Urban Seed's offices and learn about their company and process. We are very excited to have access to fresh produce that is locally grown without harmful chemicals or pesticides in our city. Las Vegas is a strategic location to demonstrate that if food can grow in our harsh climate, it can grow anywhere. Their facilities are scheduled to open this year.

GREEN OUR PLANET

We have some upcoming events on the following dates:

April 7th: noon-2pm @ Marc Kahre ES, 7887 W. Gowan Rd, Las Vegas
Measuring exercise, 4th grade class

April 21st: noon-2pm @ Marc Kahre ES, 7887 W. Gowan Rd.
Design Charrette, 4th grade class

Please email Anna Peltier at anna@arialandscape.com for details and to sign up for our 2017 volunteer list!



Urban Sketchers

The Urban Sketchers next meeting will be on **Saturday, April 15th, from 9:00am to 11:00am.**

They will be meeting by the California Pizza Kitchen in Downtown Summerlin (near the Plaza on the North End) (10945 Oval Park Dr. LV, NV. 89135 702-498-3658 Eric's Cell)

PLEASE RSVP TO ATTEND

RSVP today to eroberts@sh-architecture.com

You should bring your own sketch supplies, some water and your water colors (if you'd like). Don't forget some water (to drink), something to sit on (you'll be glad you did)!

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See you April 15th



Desert Shores by Eric Roberts, AIA



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AIA Las Vegas is hosting the Western Mountain Region conference in October 2017 and we want to make the conference as sustainable as possible. Our committee has the following ideas but would love to hear from the membership on creative ways ideas to green our convention.

- Recycling paper
- Electronic versus printed materials
- Transportation options (like a bike share between the hotel and the 5th Street School)
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IF you have an interest in Legislative Advocacy and protecting the profession then we need to talk to you. Now more than ever, the profession needs AIA members who will SPEAK UP in the political arena and do it effectively. The purpose of this conference is to teach architects how to take action with regard to important legislative issues and how to be an advocate for the profession and your fellow architects.

Attendance is limited and only one Scholarship is available to AIA Nevada. The scholarship will pay registration fee of \$395.00 plus airline and hotel expenses. We're looking for individuals who want to make a difference in the world through engaging in the electoral and legislative process.

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Taking the opportunity to commemorate this past year and its two, 'very full', fall & spring series - thanking and acknowledging the vast lineup of presenters and partners who played a vital role in the success of the 19th year of the Klai Juba Wald Lecture Series for this 2016-17 school year @ UNLV's School of Architecture.

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the 1st of UNLV alumni presenters, **Kip Katich** just the other day !

And our sincere gratitude goes out to **Eric Strain** and his lecture committee at UNLV's SoA, including:
Maria Vera, Steven Clarke, Steven Baskin & Deborah Oakley

20 YEARS IN 17

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